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Performance Features John F. Kennedy Dedication and Seniors Recognition

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University School of Performing and Visual Arts – Symphonic Band presents a fall concert featuring a tribute to President John F. Kennedy in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his death. The event takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Kathleen Nolan Dover Theatre, located in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC).

“Our honor to John F. Kennedy will be a presentation of Ronald Lo Presti’s ‘*Elegy for A Young American*’,” said Dr. Matt Whitfield, professor of music and director of the GWU Symphonic Band.

Several music majors will be featured performers at the event. Flautist Natasha Puplichhuisen, from the studio of Sam Stowe, will be playing Kent Kennan’s “*Night Soliloquy*” with the band accompanying. A trio of trumpet players, Jonathan McClay, Adam White, and Cory Morgan, from the studio of Tim Hudson, will perform Leroy Anderson’s famous “*Bugler’s Holiday*,” also with band accompaniment.

Additional concert selections include “*Toccata Marziale*” by Ralph Vaughan Williams, “*Pas Redoublé*” by Camille Saint-Saëns, “*Fanfare Prelude on the Italian Hymn*” by James Curnow, and “*Blues for a Killed Kat*” by Jack End.

Whitfield said, “This concert is also special because several graduating seniors will be recognized during the program.”

The event is free and open to the public. More information about the School of Performing and Visual Arts is available at 704-406-4448.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University’s purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).